

City Of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board
Thursday, September 1, 2022

151 Martin Street, City Commission Room 205, Birmingham, MI

Minutes of the regular meeting of the City of Birmingham Multi-Modal Transportation Board held Thursday, September 1, 2022. Chair Doug White convened the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

A. Rollcall

Present: Chair Doug White; Board Members David Hocker, Tom Peard, Victoria Policicchio; Alternate Board Member Mark Doolittle; Student Representative Ben Rosenfield

Absent: Board Members Anthony Long, Joe Zane; Alternate Board Member Amanda Fishburn; Student Representative Isabela Betanzos

Administration:

Senior Planner Cowan, City Transcriptionist Eichenhorn, Lieutenant Kearney, Assistant City Engineer Zielinski

F&V: Julie Kroll

MKSK: Brad Strader

B. Approval of MMTB Minutes of August 4, 2022

Motion by Mr. Hocker

Seconded by Ms. Policicchio to approve the MMTB Minutes of August 4, 2022 as submitted.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: White, Hocker, Peard, Doolittle, Policicchio

Nays: None

C. Introductions & Chair Comments

D. Review of the Agenda

E. New Business

1. Wakefield TIA Study

Lt. Kearney, Ms. Kroll, and Mr. Strader presented the item.

Staff and consultants answered informational questions from the Board.

Given the study's findings, there was consensus among the Board members to maintain Wakefield

as-is.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Brown & Chester Street Parking

SP Cowan presented the item.

Staff answered informational questions from the Board.

Board members commented:

- Nearby residents are provided on-site parking and so would not likely impacted by the recommended changes;
- Having more metered parking near downtown would be beneficial;
- Reducing Chester from four lanes to two between Townsend and Brown would likely make that stretch of road less confusing to drivers.

Motion by Ms. Policicchio

Seconded by Mr. Peard to recommend to the City Commission that Chester Street have metered parking spaces on both sides of the street from Brown Street to Townsend Street.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: White, Hocker, Peard, Doolittle, Policicchio

Nays: None

2. Multi-Modal Transportation Plan Updates

SP Cowan presented the items. Staff and consultants answered informational questions from the Board.

i. High Crash Locations

Board consensus was to implement Ms. Kroll's recommendation to focus on crashes that result in injuries or fatalities and crashes with pedestrians or cyclists.

ii. Regional Connectivity

Board comment was supportive of regional connectivity mapping efforts.

iii. Micromobility

Julianne Roller of Bird gave the Board an overview of Bird's scooter services and program. Ms. Roller answered informational questions from the Board and from Staff.

Board comments regarding a scooter program were:

- That there might be difficulties with enforcement of the no sidewalk riding rule;

- That liability issues could arise from users not wearing helmets;
- The scooters might become impediments on sidewalks;
- It may be a useful way to connect the downtown, Rail District, and Triangle District; and,
- Running a 30- or 60-day trial period during the spring and/or summer months might give the Board an indication of the program's feasibility and use.

Mr. Strader then presented a brief overview of some regional municipal autonomous vehicles programs.

It was noted that A/V programs' success currently seems limited to a few urban hubs with a lot of focus on general infrastructure and a/v use and development.

G. Meeting Open to the Public for Items not on the Agenda

Mark Baker, Roger Cummings, Renee Suchara, Dale Cole, Elizabeth Cummings, and Darin McBride residents of Fairway, spoke against sidewalks being added to the parts of Fairway without sidewalks.

Ms. Suchara added that if a sidewalk is added along Fairway, it should extend to Cranbrook.

SP Cowan told the Fairway residents present how they could receive further information about the road rating process and any future projects on Fairway.

Ms. Policicchio added that:

- Residents are notified in advance of any projects that may occur on their street; and,
- Residents are given opportunities to provide public comment on potential projects.

H. Miscellaneous Communications

SP Cowan informed the MMTB that the third draft of the 2040 Plan would be reviewed by the Planning Board on September 14, 2022.

I. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the Board adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner



Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

APPROVED